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Home Friends Program Celebrates A Decade Of Caring At New Community

New Community Corporation's Home Friends celebrated "A Decade of Caring," on Monday evening, October 3, marking ten years of providing chore services and assistance to elderly or disabled persons. The Medicare funded program permits its clients to continue to live in their own homes despite their age or disability. Over 125 Home Friends and their guests, gathered for the Anniversary Dinner and program at The Priory Restaurant in St. Joseph's Plaza, Newark.

Honored guests were the 14 people who have been in the program since it was created ten years ago: Elsie Best, Administrator, and Gwendolyn Walston and Zenobia DeVore, Supervisors, along with Home Friends Julia Alston, Marilyn Briley, Marylee Burrell, Evelyn Cooper, Grace Hurt, Candies Kearney, Flora Lewter, Sallie Mathis, Geraldine Patty, Irene Williams and Betty Wilson.

Special guest was Lois Hull, who conceived and established the program ten years ago when she was Director of the Essex County Division on Aging. Hull is presently Director of Special Projects for University

Hospital, UMDNJ. Other special guests included Rene Sklaw, Supervising Program Development Specialist and Geri Laverne, Home Care Coordinator of the Essex County Division on Aging, both of whom currently oversee the County's Home Friends programs.

Home Friends, which is funded by Essex County Department of Citizen Services, provides such services as light housekeeping, laundry needs, local errands, food shopping and the preparation of meals. For the past ten years the Home Friends have fulfilled the mission and in so doing have become invaluable members of our health care system. Their elderly, homebound clients have been able to remain independent, in their own homes, thereby avoiding nursing home or hospital stays for as long as possible. Besides performing their duties, the Home Friends have given of themselves, going that extra mile to ensure their clients receive the best of care. In many instances they have become like family members as they have developed long term relationships with their clients and their families.



NCC Director of Human Services, Florence Williams (second from right) presents a plaque of appreciation to Grace Hurt, a 10 year veteran of the Home Friends Program. Looking on are Administrator Elsie Best and 10 year veteran Evelyn Cooper.

Mistress of Ceremonies for the Program was Kathy Spivey, New Community's Director of Staff Development. Rev. Jethro James, pastor of Paradise Baptist Church in Newark gave a moving invocation to begin the evening. Rev. Michael Jordan, pastor of Genesis Baptist Church in Bergen

County led the celebrants in a rousing rendition "We've Come This Far By Faith." Florence Williams, Director of New Community's Department of Human Services, was the keynote. The Home Friends are part of the Human Services Department at New Community. (Continued on page 3)

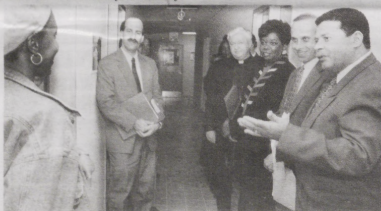
Visit By Top HUD Official Informs NCC Of New Initiatives

General Deputy Assistant Secretary Mark Gordon, of the Office of Community Planning and Development at HUD visited with New Community Corporation on Tuesday, October 18 to learn about NCC's economic development plans. Mr. Gordon was able to inform NCC of Assistant Secretary Andrew Cuomo's initiatives for CPD, particularly the Consolidated Plan — a comprehensive approach for communities to plan how they will assess the needs of their communities and strategically work on solutions to those needs. One of the linchpins to success of the Consolidated Plan is the involvement of the local community and non-profits.

As one of the twenty community

development corporations to have been awarded the CDC Tax Credit grant by CPD this summer, Mr. Gordon was able to meet and talk first hand with members of the New Community staff who are making that program a reality, particularly Mort Goldfein, Director of Community Investment.

Mr. Gordon was accompanied by Diane Johnson, Acting Manager, State Coordinator, Newark Regional Office; Frank Sagarese, Director of Community Planning and Development, Newark Regional Office; and Tom Giordano and Chris Soucy, Program Managers, Newark Regional Office.



Mark Gordon, top official with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development hears firsthand from Delphine McCombs about her educational experience at CET. Joining the discussion are Msgr. William J. Linder and Newark Regional HUD officials Diane Johnson and Frank Sagarese, and Dr. Larry Leverett, NCC Director of Learning.

NCC Wins Arts Resource Grant

New Community has been selected as one of eight community development corporations who will participate in a national program designed to assist CDC's strengthen their work with the arts as an aspect of community revitalization. The Community Development Corporation Arts Resource Initiative is managed by Manchester Craftsman's Guild, a community based arts organization located in Pittsburgh, PA, and funded by The Ford Foundation with guidance by the CDC/ARI National Advisory Board.

In May, NCC submitted a Statement of Interest and became one of 32 community development corporations invited to continue with a full proposal. As one of the eight finalists, NCC will send a representative to Pittsburgh in December to receive training and technical assistance.

The training program will explore the inter-dependence of economic development and arts programs as a major component of community revitalization. The curriculum is structured to help participants begin to develop a strategic service vision of their own. Through the use of case studies, lectures and discussions, participants will explore the emerging field of arts and economic development. To insure that the curriculum is reality-based, examples of existing arts and economic revitalization models will be referenced during the course.

At the conclusion of the planning period, a detailed plan will have been

prepared by each CDC. Based on a review of that work further grants for implementation will be made available. A network of technical assistance providers will be developed to assist in addressing identified weaknesses in cultural programming.

Applications were evaluated on a point system, with 45% of the value awarded not only for the thoughtfulness of the applicant in the area of future arts and cultural programming, but the commitment and priority this area will have with the organization.

Through the Arts Advisory Committee of the New Community Foundation, NCC has already taken steps to develop its own arts initiative. This committee has members representing many local arts groups who have promised support of this new initiative. This grant will enable NCC to strengthen further this exciting new aspect of its services to the community.

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NJ Housing And Community Resources Director Discusses Initiatives During NCC Visit

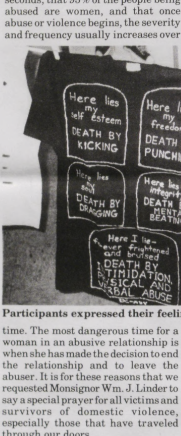


Anthony Canero, Director of the New Jersey Division of Housing and Community Resources, Department of Community Affairs, second from left, visits Harmony House with his department's Housing Scholars Dan Van Pelt, Jeff Bushler and Marty Mayes, and Florence P. Williams, NCC Director of Human Services. New Community's transitional housing was among the sites and programs visited and discussed as part of a meeting on housing, jobs and economic opportunities.

Remembering And Praying For Victims Of Domestic Violence

Recent statistics tell us that a woman is battered every fifteen seconds, that 95% of the people being abused are women, and that once abuse or violence begins, the severity and frequency usually increases over

time. The most dangerous time for a woman in an abusive relationship is when she has made the decision to end the relationship and to leave the abuser. It is for these reasons that we requested Monsignor Wm. J. Linder to say a special prayer for all victims and survivors of domestic violence, especially those that have traveled through our doors.



On Sunday, October 23, 1994, Monsignor Linder informed parishioners in mass that October is domestic violence awareness month. He asked

us to pray that our world becomes less violent as well as for those who are involved in an abusive relationship.

After mass, a small gathering took place at Babyland Nursery. This gave recent and former clients, staff, and

New Community's CET Partnership With Area Colleges

The NCC Center for Employment Training has developed relationships with Bloomfield College, Essex County College, and New Jersey Institute of Technology to expand job training opportunities for Newark area residents. Dr. Larry Leverett, NCC's Director of Learning stated that, "New Community Corporation will continue to establish linkages with educational institutions in the metropolitan area to expand opportunities for job training and career advancement." He continued, "More and more studies confirm the relationship between one's level of education and lifetime earnings. NCC's mission to provide assistance to help Newark residents to achieve economic self-sufficiency must be supported by broadening learning opportunities available to residents, employees, and members of the greater community."

The Child Development Course, one of the newest additions to the menu of job training programs offered at the

gram in environmental restoration, pollution prevention, hazardous materials, and waste management. Dr. Peter Lederman, NJIT, Director for Environmental Engineering and Sciences, and Research Professor of Chemical Engineering, announced the grant award at the October meeting of participating institutions. Dr. Lederman is a leader in environmental management and the depth of his experience in government and industry uniquely equips him with the skills necessary to lead this multi-institution effort.

NCC CET will work with NJIT and Bloomfield College to design and implement an entry level hazardous waste technician training for individuals 18 to 25 years old. The entry level technician training program will consist of 305 core course hours presented over 10 weeks. Each segment will be taught by people experienced in the field and who have actual hands-on experience in the



One of CET's newest offerings is the Child Development Course, which can lead to nationally recognized certification for the participants.

Center for Employment Training, is being implemented through the collaborative efforts of NCC CET, Babyland Nursery Inc., and Essex County College. Nearly 40 persons are receiving training that can qualify them for the nationally recognized Child Development Associate Certificate. Additionally, participants who successfully complete the program will receive 15 college credits in Early Childhood Education at Essex County College. Participants will also meet the New Jersey requirements for group teacher.

The Child Development Course is supported by funds granted by the Victoria Foundation to provide career advancement opportunities for Newark area residents interested in furthering career goals.

NCC CET is a member of a consortium of institutions that has been funded by the U.S. Department of Defense to provide a focused, results oriented education and training pro-

gram in environmental restoration, pollution prevention, hazardous materials, and waste management. Dr. Peter Lederman, NJIT, Director for Environmental Engineering and Sciences, and Research Professor of Chemical Engineering, announced the grant award at the October meeting of participating institutions. Dr. Lederman is a leader in environmental management and the depth of his experience in government and industry uniquely equips him with the skills necessary to lead this multi-institution effort.

The training program will also seek to equip participants with the necessary computer, computation, and communication skills required to be successful and productive. The final phase is a 13 week internship at a government, industry or business facility.

Recruitment for the technician training program will occur November 1-30, 1994. All candidates must complete registration no later than November 30 to be eligible for consideration. Additional information on the Hazardous Waste Technician training program can be obtained by contacting Mr. Harry Maroulakos, NCC CET Asst. Director for Training, at (201) 484-0096.

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Home Friends: A Decade Of Caring

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Community. At the close of the evening, Ten Year Award plaques were given to Elsie Best, and all the Home Friends with ten years of service.

In her keynote address Florence Williams characterized the contribution of the Home Friends as a "remarkable achievement." Williams urged those present to reflect on the nature of the Home Friends' service. She deemed the Home Friends ten year effort a decade of accomplishment, caring, hope, commitment, and love.

However, Williams also challenged the audience to look at the Home Friends in a new way — as a high tech

Home Friends program. Williams related that she "began to think that our so called 'low tech' Home Friends program actually represents one of the greatest advances in the last 30 years. Why? Because nothing replaces a human touch, human caring, and contact. In an age when we have all been reduced to numbers and files in someone's computer or on a business junk mailing list, the Home Friend always was and remains the highest technological component of many a senior's life."

The keynote speaker gave a moving description of the Home Friends working lives. "Every weekday, Monday



Our original Home Friends, administrators, and welcome friends pose for a photo to commemorate the occasion.

and picking up.

And with all that they must see at least 3 clients a day. They must be cheerful, and patient. They must be able to complete their work within a short time frame. And they must care, be kind, and sympathetic. So you will find that our Home Friends become like family members and for many of their charges, the Home Friends are the key to their survival. And they do all of this, for very little money or recognition.

Computers cannot do any of those things. Computers, the foundation of modern technology, do not engage in activities that can be described as caring, dedicated, committed, devoted, faithful, generous, and unselfish. Computers do not become members of the family. They most certainly have their place. But we need to remember that place is lower than some of us think. They can never be the friends to us that the Home Friends have become."



Joining Home Friends Administrator Elsie Best (second from right) are Gerri Lavner and Rene Sklar, Essex County Division on Aging and Lois Hull, UMDNJ.

solution to the problem of home care and companionship for the home-bound elderly. She noted the irony in the fact "that in the midst of a high tech revolution, especially in medical care, which touches all facets of our lives, we are honoring what we have thought to be a decidedly low tech service — Home Friends." She asked the audience to explore with her "why the Home Friends are a high tech component of the health care system if there is no electronic gadgetry involved, no lengthy training, no extensive health monitoring equipment?"

Hailing Lois Hull's vision and perseverance as the founder of the

thru Friday, the lights go on in homes all over Newark and 45 women, of modest means, go about their early morning household duties before they leave for work. Most take buses, some walk, and others catch a ride with a friend or relative. Every morning is different. Sometimes they don't feel well but they march on despite a variety of aches, and pains. The weather is frequently a challenge from hot, muggy, summer days to bitterly cold, winter days. There are new hazards every day from dangerous neighborhoods and buildings to icy sidewalks. They have their own children to worry about dropping off



NC Associates resident Robert Sinclair, enjoys peace of mind as his Home Friend Betty Wilson assists him with his chores.

Opening The Window On Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is the single greatest cause of injury to women in America — more than muggings, rapes, and car accidents combined. Domestic violence does not discriminate; it affects women of all ages, race, and socio-economic levels.

To address the dynamics, causes, and effects of domestic violence, a day-long conference was held at Essex County College on Wednesday, October 19, 1994. Participants of the conference included legal, health, and medical professionals, social service workers, law enforcement persons, and victims of domestic violence.

The morning agenda included opening remarks from Senator Wynona Lipman, Judge Philip Freedman, and a keynote address from Regina Marshall, deputy executive director of Project BABIES in Newark. The morning session came to an end with a panel discussion, giving members of the audience an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

The afternoon was spent with participants attending workshops of their choice. The workshop topics covered a variety of aspects including: the effects of domestic violence on children, community and medical responses, and an update on the new legislation regarding domestic violence.

The conference was sponsored by Essex County Family Violence Project of Babyland Nursery, Essex-Newark



Senator Lipman speaks at conference on domestic violence.

Legal Services, The Safe House, Seton Hall Law School-Center for Social Justice, and the Wise Women's Center of Essex County College.

This conference was just the beginning of agencies working together to combat domestic violence. Hopefully the progress will continue with more and more agencies working together to better serve the members of this community.

Rosa M. Weber, Center Director
Essex County Family Violence Project

NCC Partners With Technology Educators To Win Telecommunications Grant

Children and families residing in NCC Manor Family, Associates, and Homes will enter the fast lane on the information highway as a result of the award of a \$106,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce. NCC will partner with the school district's Department of Computer Education and Technology and Newton Street School. Dr. Larry Leverett, NCC's Director of Learning, stated that "NCC's participation in the Making Healthy U.S.I.C. (Multi-User Session in Community)" demonstration project is an important breakthrough that can pave the way for future NCC technology programs aimed at increasing access of children and families associated with the NCC network."

Patricia Morgan, project coordinator said, "The M.U.S.I.C. program is aimed at improving the quality of life in the community surrounding Newton Street School and fully utilizing the health care resources available to residents at UMDNJ." Angela Caruso, director of the Office of Computer Education and Technology for the Newark school district, said that the project "will empower the community and facilitate an important

linkage between the school, community, and one of the most technologically advanced health care facilities in New Jersey."

A communications network will be established to improve access to primary health care delivery and to foster parent and community involvement to promote student and family literacy. Residents from the NCC/Newton Street community will be designated as "captains" and will work with neighbors employing an "each one teach one" approach implementing project activities. Each captain will be assigned a complete computer workstation for their individual homes. Captains will be recruited from among parents and caregivers residing in NCC housing who have children enrolled in Newton Street School.

The effort is supported by funds available through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIAP). The TIAP program was established to provide support to non-profit groups and state and local governments to help them access new telecommunications technologies.

Sergio Benvenuto, Sr.: A Remarkable Story

Last month's Clarion announced the opening of our beautiful new Center for Employment Training (CET) at 393 Central Avenue in Newark. The opening itself, however, led to another remarkable story—the story of Sergio Benvenuto, Sr. who owns and renovated the building in which our Center is housed. He is living proof that with hard work, anything is possible.

Upon his arrival from Chile in 1965, Sergio Benvenuto was a penniless immigrant who didn't speak any English. His first job opportunity was that of a dishwasher. While doing that job he noticed the cleaning services needed to maintain the business, and decided it would be a good business for his future.

Thus it was, that in 1967 he was

City. His firm specializes in cleaning hospitals. It also enjoys an international reputation extending back to Chile.

"It's all determination," said Mr. Benvenuto in describing his wonderful success story for the Clarion. "You have to start."

Sergio's humble beginnings included a basement apartment in the Ironbound section of Newark, where he and his wife Oriana lived with their three sons, Sergio, Jr., Hugo and Aldo.

By working very hard, full and part time for many, many years (at one point he remembers working 7 days a week and not taking a vacation for 7 years) he was able to put all three boys through college. Oriana worked as an R.N.

Modern Sanitation Systems' expansion he mortgaged his own home.

Success in his business led to a need for bigger and better space than they had for 10 years in East Orange, so Sergio started looking over the real estate market to buy a building for their increasing needs. The one he finally found on Central Avenue, although too large for only their needs, presented the possibility of fine leasing space on the floors above.

Enter New Community, with a very compatible use for the rest of the building in view of Sergio's background and work ethic. From the moment students walk through the door of our Center for Employment Training it is apparent to them that someone cares. The floors are beautifully tiled; the walls tastefully wallpapered. Bathrooms look like they belong in a luxurious home. "When I do something for them, I do the same as I would do for me," said Sergio.

And students appreciate that. The first comment I heard about the Center was from a secretary taking a computer course there who came back to the office raving about the gorgeous "marble bathroom."

When Mr. Benvenuto found the building he decided was suitable in Newark he showed it to one of his sons and to the Vice President of City National Bank. Both had the same reaction — "If you think you want to fix this building, you're crazy." But fix it up he did — beautifully. "You don't know this building until you walk in," he said proudly of his finished product.

Now others in the area have begun to spruce up their buildings too. "Somebody has to start," said Sergio.

His entrepreneurial success has not gone unnoticed, as evidenced by a hallway lined with awards. He has earned congratulations as Minority Small Business Person of the Year—his wife Oriana was also named in this award), Hispanic Businessman of the Year from the US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and honored in 1993 in San Francisco, California as one of the top 51 Entrepreneurs in America. His Company ranks #140 in the top 500 Hispanic businesses in the United States.

The Entrepreneurial group dubbed him "Senior Clean," because of the nature of his business, but his son Hugo calls him "Felix" of Odd Couple fame, because he still helps clean his own home fastidiously. "I help my wife do the dishes and clean my home," he told us proudly. The fact that his whole

family has backed him and works with him is also a source of pride. "Last year my wife and I took a month long trip to Italy to do family research," he said. Then he admitted it was actually a test to see what would happen if they did



Sergio Benvenuto, Sr.

begin to do some traveling. He was immensely pleased to announce that things ran like clockwork.

He has done his job well.

It is Sergio's hope that his story gives encouragement to young people. That is also why he likes to work with New Community — because "they also like to help people." The CET "gives training so they can make it in this world; so they don't feel nobody is there to help them," he reminded.

Looking back at his own life, Sergio reflected, "It's hard to get there," and said once again, "It's all determination."

That's a lesson to learn.

10th Anniversary Luncheon

New Community Employment Center will celebrate 10 years of employment services, by hosting a luncheon, on Tuesday, December 6, 1994 at the Radisson Hotel at Newark Airport, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

There will be an award presentation for those who have supported our efforts throughout the past decade.

For inquiries and ticket information please contact Tonya Boyd, Secretary or Tanya McKoy, Administrator at 733-4930.



Hard work and perseverance have paid off for Sergio Benvenuto.

hanging by a safety belt cleaning the windows of the old Martland Medical Center on Bergen Street. Today his \$18 million plus company, called Modern Sanitation Systems, has earned contracts cleaning buildings such as the World Trade Center Tower B, the Legal Center in Newark and Bronx Lebanon Hospital in New York

Sergio quickly learned English and in 1970 began studying Housekeeping Management for Buildings and Hospitals at Brooklyn Community College. His college courses also included decorating, which he put to use choosing the decor for the new CET unit as well as his own company's offices on the ground floor. To start

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Coming Down



Two abandoned houses on Fairmount Avenue, opposite New Community Estates, will be demolished on Monday, October 31, said Mayor Sharpe James who promised NCC residents at the opening of Estates the eyesores would come down.

NCC Security Force Certified Under Sheriff's Office Training

Another first in the history of the NCC Security Force. Friday, October 28 marked the first certification ceremony for New Community security officers who have completed the Essex County Sheriff's Office training program.

The certification program was initiated by Captain Leon Adams, Director of the NCC Security Department,

be well served by establishment of New Community's own security force.

Sheriff Fontoura emphasized driving factors of law enforcement: uniform presence, quick response and effecting an arrest. He said ongoing training is critical to successful performance.

Captain Adams said future classes will include training from the U.S.



Essex County Sheriff Armando B. Fontoura addresses NCC Security Officers as part of the first training program to certify the New Community officers under Sheriff's Office guidelines. From the left are: Security Officers John K. Jones, Jr., Michelle Grier, and Gerard Mansare, Sgt. Teresa A. Grice, Sheriff Fontoura, Captain Leon Adams, Director of the NCC Security Department, Security Officer Marcella Simmons and Sgt. Cynthia A. Hollis.

and Essex County Sheriff Armando B. Fontoura, who offered the resources of his office for the intensive 40-hour program.

The first group of 25 members to receive the specialized training were honored at a ceremony in St. Joseph Plaza. Subsequent classes will extend the Sheriff's Office training to all members of the NCC force.

Joseph Chaneyfield, vice president of the New Community Board of Directors, hailed the new initiative. Mr. Chaneyfield is an original member of the NCC Board, which made the decision in the early 1970's that security needs within New Community would

Justice Department, Community Relations Services.

Those receiving certification were: Sergeants Teresa A. Grice and Cynthia Hollis; Chief Dispatcher Sandra Tutler; and Security Officers, Marlon Anderson, Richard Caldwell, Letha Coleman, Keisha Flood, William Folsom, Michelle Grier, Elizabeth Griffith, Grover Good, Robin Howard, Curtis Johnson, John Jones, Roger Kinard, Thomas Lang, Gerard Mansare, Harriet Price, Mays Pulliam, Marcella Simmons, Mary Spragley, Danny Stubbs, Rickie Venable, Barbara Washington and Michael Whiteley.

October Officer Of Month

While on duty at Harmony House on August 26, 1994, Sergeant Stacey Tolliver received a call from a concerned tenant reporting that she smelled smoke coming through the vents of her bathroom. Sergeant Tolliver along with S/O Isaac Johnson immediately began a search of the premises responding to the involved unit, which was locked, with smoke seeping from beneath the door.

Sergeant Tolliver, an asthmatic, disregarding his own personal safety was able to enter the premises by forcing the window open, unlocking the door and entering the smoke-filled

unit in search of the resident and her 6-month old infant. Although unable to see, Sergeant Tolliver did locate and awaken the resident who had no knowledge of the situation, extinguished the fire and safely escorted her out of the unit. Her child was not inside of the unit at this time.

Overcome by the density of the smoke, Sergeant Tolliver suffered an acute asthma attack and was immediately rushed to UMDNJ for medical attention. However, when asked about his concern for himself during this ordeal, Sergeant Tolliver replied, "I was just doing my job."



Asst. Security Director Pringle presents officer of the month plaques to security officers Denton and Tolliver.

New Security Director Named

New Community Corporation announced the appointment of Leon Adams, C.P.M., as new Director of Security effective, July 18, 1994. A recognized authority in Law Enforcement Administration, Captain Adams was a member of the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) for almost 30 years and had the distinction of being the first African American to enter the commissioned ranks.

Lincoln University in Pennsylvania is the college at which Captain Adams did his undergraduate work. Further studies were pursued at Monmouth College and Rutgers University where he completed the statewide Certified Public Manager program. Captain Adams is the recipient of numerous meritorious citations and honors.

Following his celebrated career with the NJSP, Adams served as Director of Public Affairs and Safety for the City of Plainfield. He administered the Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Recreation, Health and Welfare Divisions — a workforce of 300 sworn and civilian employees. In addition Captain Adams was the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Plainfield.



Capt. Leon Adams

In his new position as Director of Security, Adams will direct and supervise 110 Security Officers and focus on staff development. Additionally he will provide leadership which will enhance community/resident involvement in establishing a secure environment.

Assistant Security Director Joins Force

Captain Leon Adams, Director of Security, announced the appointment of Assistant Security Director, Christopher T. Pringle, effective August 10, 1994.

Most recently, Mr. Pringle was the New Community Activities Coordinator, a position he held since June 1993. Previously, he was a Chief Security Officer at the Hyatt Hotel in New Brunswick. Prior to that position, he conducted extensive background and fraud investigations for an Orlando, Florida based claims bureau. He has also been a municipal police officer.

The new Assistant Security Director received his associate in science degree in criminal justice from Middlesex County College in Edison, New Jersey and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in public administration and human services at Keon College.

Experienced in law enforcement and security management, Mr. Pringle's volunteer activities include serving as a top Warner football coach/coordinator as well as providing leadership in conjunction with P.A.L. basketball.



Asst. Security Director Todd Pringle

Assistant Security Director Pringle's hope is "that when NCC families interact with staffers, they will have gained assurance that all Security aspects of their living situation have been addressed."

Fathers Deserve A HEAD START Too!

Babyland's Head Start Program believes strongly in parent involvement. Since the program's existence, we have tried to reach out to the entire family and include them in the planning of the educational program for their children. Involving the mothers has not been as hard as getting the fathers involved, especially the young fathers and those who have separated from the mothers.

This year marks the first time we have had the opportunity to bring about an employee whose primary focus will be "outreaching to fathers."

Men have unique issues, which require a sensitive empathetic approach. Our male outreach worker will focus on the various needs that fathers have, educate them concerning how important it is to become involved in their child's life and help them to develop the skills needed to be a parent.

Outreaching to fathers is an essential need in our community. We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to planning based on what our men need to survive as fathers.

Gina Ogburn, MSW
Head Start Director

September Officer Of Month

While conducting a routine building sweep at Manor Senior located at 545 Orange Street, Security Officer Anita Denton observed a resident on the roof of the building. As she approached him, he threatened to jump off of the roof explaining he had no reason to live.

Officer Denton remained on the roof talking with the gentleman about his

problems, ultimately calming him and convincing him to take her hand and not to jump. At this time she led him safely back inside.

Security Officer Denton has demonstrated dedication to her position as well as the ability to perform above and beyond the call of duty. We commend her on a job well done.

Job Fair Mania

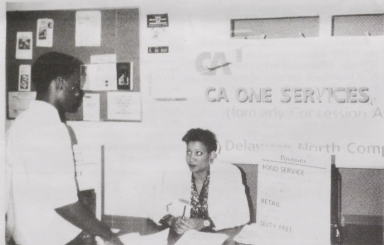
On September 29, New Community Employment Centers' 10th anniversary "Job Fair" co-sponsored by NCC's Center for Employment and Training took off with full speed ahead. So much so, that many job seekers had to be turned away due to a 200 person capacity.

Approximately 18 employers were present explaining various openings and accepting numerous resumes and applications.

Our thanks of appreciation go out to the following participating employers: Concession Air, Essex Substance Abuse Treatment Center

Extended Family Care
Federal Express
Graceland Agency
Hilton Hotel
International Total Services
Macy's
McDonald's Corporation
Newark Public Library
New Community Security
Occupational Center
Suburban Cable
Tri-City People
Patient Care
Valley Settlement House

Our sincere thank you's are extended to all the applicants who attended with such a professional presence.



CA One Services Inc. was one of many employers who participated in the New Community Employment Center's recent job fair.

Youth Employment And Training Program

The Employment Center has received funding for the third year to sponsor the Youth Employment and Training Program. This program is designed for youth between the ages of 16-20 who have dropped out of high school and are at risk of negative activity leading to negative results.

For a period of 40 weeks, beginning on October 24th, all students will receive classroom instruction in the following: Violence prevention, self-

esteem, socialization, job readiness, and GED preparation and choice areas of vocational training. All participants will be assessed for aptitude, abilities, education and vocational interest.

There will be many educational and cultural workshops and outings during the 40 week cycle. Anyone interested in applying for available slots, can contact Amanda Harrow, Youth Employment Coordinator at (201) 643-3116.

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The two helpers at Pathmark from the Welfare Office were very kind and patient with me – with all of us. Actually using the machine is different from just hearing and reading about it. I hope this method works and will soon cover all of us using food stamps;



this method will stop some of the cheating and selling off of food stamps. Gwen McGee

UMDNJ Young Father's Program Has Help From NCC Employment Services

Young men participating in the University of Medicine and Dentistry of N.J.'s Young Father's Program are enhancing their knowledge and skills of the working environment, as well as preparing themselves to fulfill those educational requirements for the New Jersey High School Diploma, thanks to the instructions of employment counselors, Mike Jackson and Bayyannah Curl.

The Employment Center was contracted by The Young Fathers Program to conduct workshops in both "The World of Work," and GED preparation.

Mike Jackson who has 10 years of professional experience in the employ-

ment field, will be instructing the "Job Readiness Workshop."

Bayyannah Curl, a NJ State Certified Teacher will be conducting the GED preparation classes.

Both Counselors are Certified Atkins Life Skills instructors. Class instruction for these workshops began on October 4 and will continue for a period of 8 weeks every Tuesday.

The Employment Center is very proud that we can offer services of this nature to other community based organizations.

Any organization interested in obtaining our services, should contact the main office at 733-4930.

Babyland's Protective Services Program Has A New Name

Babyland's PRS (Protective Services) Program is now referred to as The Parent Education Program with emphasis focused on parents and teaching effective parenting skills. The program is one of Babyland's oldest which has expanded to meet the increasing needs of families.

Through parenting education children's performances improve as parents learn proper techniques which aid their child's healthy development.

The Parenting Education Program housed at Babyland I offers monthly parent meetings and workshops with current information and support for parents, grandparents and foster parents, all of those involved in caring for the child. Parent and child

classroom interactions are also scheduled twice monthly for parents to observe and be observed while practicing effective methods for communicating and disciplining children. A monthly calendar lists numerous activities for parents to attend with children as well.

The first issue of H.O.M.E. (Helping Our Mothers Emerge), a monthly newsletter for the parents, was prepared to keep parents informed. The newsletter includes highlights of monthly workshops, review of parent meetings, recipes, and health information on child and family health.

R. Odum
Parent Education Program
Babyland I

Warm Coats To Look Forward To

Sedgewick James of New Jersey, Incorporated, insurance broker, hosted a fund raiser reception to benefit the Allies For Youth Program, at Cryan's Pub in South Orange, N.J. for a 3rd year. The reception was attended by staff and clients of Sedgewick James of N.J., Bill Delaney, Director of NCC Finance, Florence P. Williams, Director, NCC Human Services, Hanef Rashada, Denise Clark and Bryant Hall all of NCC.

Mr. John Ward, Vice President of Sedgewick James presented Mrs. Williams with a check in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Ward praised the

highly motivated Sedgewick James staff members who worked so diligently to raise funds. He also acknowledged the support of Cryan's Pub. Mrs. Williams thanked Sedgewick James for their generosity and stated that the money would be used to purchase winter coats for the participants in the Allies For Youth Program. She noted last year during the extremely cold winter several children were without coats. The AFY staff was able to obtain used coats for the children, but this year Sedgewick James has helped to ensure that all of the AFY children will be toasty warm.

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Shopping Convenient For Residents

On September 8, 1994 the residents of New Community Extended Care Facility enjoyed an in-house "Shopping Day for Residents," during which needed clothing was purchased. This shopping experience was offered by Care Apparel Industries, Inc., a company which specializes in moderately priced garments for residents of health care facilities.

The "Clothesmobile," which it is also called, serves as an excellent opportunity for our residents to shop for their own clothing, at their leisure. "This event is a special treat for our residents who are usually shut-in and are unable to get out to the stores," according to Penny Mateen, Director of

Social Services at Extended Care and the Coordinator of the day's activity.

The residents' families were also invited to share in the shopping spree. Family members, nursing assistants, and the activities and social services departments all worked together to assist the residents in their selections, and to make purchases on behalf of those who were unable to attend. Helen Birdson, a 3rd floor resident, stated, "I really appreciate this. It's convenient for me and they have a nice selection." Special thanks to the staff of Extended Care who participated in making this a most successful event.

Aminah Bey
Social Worker



Having Care Apparel Industries, Inc. come to Extended Care was a tremendous boost to the facility-bound residents.



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Field Trips Expand Learning

Part of the GoodStarts Program, at Babyland II, is Field Trips.

The first field trips, taken by classes in September, were nature walks around the neighborhood and a tour of the school building.

On their school tour, the children visited Laura Angulo, St. Rose/Babyland Cook; Elihu Bey, Custodian; Bedelia Davis, Social Service Specialist; Sarin Space, Babyland Nurse; and Gloria Leibowitz, Center Director.

Sofar, in October, the field trips have

included visits to the Public Library and the Fire House.

The GoodStarts Program is a free program for 3 and 4 year olds. If you are a Newark resident, and meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines, we still have a few openings for 4 year olds (children born in 1990).

If you are in need of our services, call Bedelia Davis at 481-3244 or Gloria Leibowitz at 481-0039.

Gloria Leibowitz
Center Director



Sarin Space demonstrates how to use a stethoscope to a youngster as part of their field trip experience.

Field Placements At Harmony House & Social Services For Social Work Students

Social work students are always looking for a challenging agency at which to do their field work experience.

Four students have found Harmony House and New Community Corporation Social Services to be that agency.

Laquita Berkley, a senior from Kean College and Farrade Harris, a senior at Bloomfield College, will spend the year (September to May) at Harmony House; while Naemah Avner will spend her year with Sister Anastasia from Social Services.

Senior social work students are expected to complete 16 hours per week of field work.

Students learn how to work with individuals and families, groups, community and administration, which are methods of social work and give them learning skills in areas from intake to termination of client, agency processes, meetings, case management, etc.

The student focus is on Method, and what social workers do as their part of the helping process. They will also learn to follow codified ethical principles that guide social workers in various roles and relationships and at the various levels of responsibility in which they function professionally. Through classroom and field experience students learn the values, knowledge and skill practice needed to effectively work with the client. During their field placement students will



Laquita Berkley learns from Jan Murphy as June Rodriguez-Simmons listens in.

also learn to attempt to help the client solve and prevent problems in social functioning, strengthen their social relationships and enrich the clients way of living.

The Human Services entities of New Community Corporation would like to thank each of the social work students for choosing Harmony House and Social Services for their learning experience and wish them a productive and successful year.

June Rodriguez-Simmons, M.S.W.
Acting Administrator
Harmony House

Thank You Deloitte And Touche!

The families of Harmony House would like to give "A Big Thank You" to Deloitte and Touche LLP who during the month of October collected and donated to Harmony House families hundreds of dollars of beautiful clothing, linens, books and bath items.

The items were well appreciated by our families. We would also like to give a special thanks to Marlene Hairston and Tim Washington who coordinated such a big effort.

Again, many thanks.
June Rodriguez-Simmons, M.S.W.

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Babyland Nursery Educational Expo 1994

Babyland Nursery Inc. sponsored its second Educational Expo on Saturday, October 22, 1994. The Educational Expo was designed based on the interests and needs of Babyland's diverse staff. Twenty-five different workshops were presented in the areas of child development, communication, stress, burnout, abuse, multiculturalism, health & safety, parent involvement, HIV/AIDS, music, art, science and much more. More than seventeen educational exhibitors displayed their products which ranged from computer programs for preschoolers, to cultural books, classroom toys, equipment and supplies. The day was highlighted with remarks from executive director and founder of Babyland Nursery, Mary Smith. Mrs. Smith expressed her appreciation for nearly 200 dedicated and committed employees who provide quality service to hundreds of children and families on a daily basis.

The Expo was also attended by parents, some of whom served as workshop presenters. Several parents

shared their feelings of pleasure knowing that they are a part of an organization which strongly believes in staff development and especially parental involvement.

The Educational Expo is only one way in which Babyland addresses the educational needs of its staff and parents. Presently 20 of Babyland's caregivers are enrolled in the Child Development Association (CDA) program. The completion of this program will provide the staff with certification in the area of early childhood. There are monthly trainings for parents and staff as well as educational opportunities within the community in which they participate.

The Educational Expo was successful in many ways. It definitely provided those who attended with new information and knowledge. It also empowered the staff to stimulate even more the little minds of the children who look to them for guidance and direction.

Gina M. Ogburn, MSW
Babyland I Center Director



Babyland's recent Educational Expo allowed caregivers to work on new projects, such as the multicultural one shown here.

You Too Can Learn English!

On October 5, 1994, our first E.S.L. class of the year commenced and is presently being held at the NC Extended Care Facility.

The course which runs from 7:30-9:00 p.m. from Wednesday thru Friday evenings is sponsored by the NC Hispanic Development Corp., which is directed by Sr. Guadalupe M. Nieto, M.S.B.T. and is being taught by Carmen Guzman, a Senior Biology pre-med student at Seton Hall University. Ms. Guzman, has a dual relationship with the Hispanic Development

Office in that she is the part-time assistant to the director.

The group consists of 31 students from a variety of regions in the Caribbean, Central and South America. They are a diverse group of college graduates and manual laborers who share a desire to learn the English language in order to acquire more marketable job skills. Our efforts to assist these members of the Hispanic Community attain their goals is another step in enabling them to work for a better life and a better Newark.



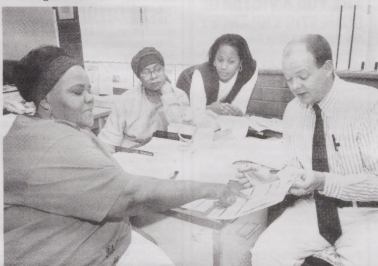
E.S.L. classes are a hit with the Hispanic Community. Here, instructor Carmen Guzman explains how to use a Spanish to English dictionary.

CIP Continues Providing Preventive Healthcare Services

Since May of this year, the Competitive Initiatives Program (C.I.P.) Social Workers have received approval for 303 Hill-Burton Charity Care applications submitted to the Healthcare Access Management (H.A.M.) Office at United Hospitals. This means that 303 individuals who live in Essex County now have their own personal doctor and can visit one of the two clinics that are part of the C.I.P. and not have to worry about receiving a bill for the doctor services.

gram, etc.

Unfortunately, there has been a setback to the C.I.P. Program. As of October 1 of this year, the prescription part of the program will end. At the inception of the program, those C.I.P. patients who had the Hill-Burton Charity Care award letter were able to get their prescriptions filled free of charge. As of April 1994, that policy was changed to charge the C.I.P. patients \$5.00 per prescription. As of October 1994, the ceiling was lifted from the



C.I.P. social workers (left to right) Irene Anderson (Senior Aide Program), Elena A. Majid, Robinette Goins-Arthur and Burton A. Shadow review some paperwork details.

The two clinics are located at: 233 West Market St. (The New Community Health Care Center) and 194 Clinton Ave. (The United Hospitals Community Health Center).

In addition, the C.I.P. Social Workers have also been successful at obtaining over 29 vouchers for eyeglasses, since May of this year for the C.I.P. clients due to an arrangement with New Eyes For The Needy, whereby they send ten vouchers for eyeglasses every two months.

The C.I.P. Social Workers have also been successful at soliciting vouchers/grants from various organizations on behalf of their clients from organizations such as, the Arthritis Foundation, the American Lung Association, the Hear Now Pro-

scription part of the program to charge each C.I.P. patient full-price for all the prescriptions that they may need from the dispensary at 194 Clinton Ave.

This has caused some hardship to those C.I.P. patients who were getting their medicines free or at a low cost from the dispensary at 194 Clinton Ave. However, the C.I.P. Social Workers have been able to make some successful referrals to the Newark Health Department at 110 William Street, and Newark Emergency Services, at 303-306 Washington Street, Newark. They have also been able to successfully solicit private pharmaceutical companies for medicines.

Burton Shadow

Logros De La Comunidad De Base De La Sexta Avenida

Nuestros esfuerzos de dieciocho meses para que la ciudad derumbara los edificios 303 y 305 de la 6ta Avenida, los cuales presentaban peligro a la comunidad y a los ambientes, se logro por fin. Los edificios fueron demolidos, el terreno limpiado y cercado.

Estos edificios fueron usados por narcos traficantes para almacenar drogas y otras cosas de peligro, además de traer personas no favorables a la comunidad, creando un ambiente peligroso para nuestros niños y los adultos que habitan en el área.

Los líderes de la Comunidad de Base de la 6ta Avenida, Casey

Sarrico, Jannette Rivera, Miguel Salcedo, Iris Feliciano y otros creen que si unimos nuestras fuerzas y recursos (el poder del pueblo) y trabajamos con las oficinas de la Ciudad para crear un ambiente más saludable para todos que viven en el vecindario, se puede lograr.

Les damos las gracias al Honorable Ronald Rice, al Administrador de la Ciudad Glenn Grant y a todos los que nos ayudaron a lograr la demolición de estos. Todavía queda mucho por hacer y nos comprometemos a continuar trabajando para un Newark mejor.

6th Avenue Hispanic Base Community

Our efforts of 18 months to rid our neighborhood of the environmentally unsafe and hazardous buildings at 303 and 305 6th Avenue have finally paid off. The buildings have been demolished, cleared and the property fenced in. These buildings were being used to store drugs and guns as well as bring many unfavorable characters into the neighborhood, creating a dangerous atmosphere for our children and the adults who live in the area.

The leaders of the 6th Avenue Hispanic Base Community, Casey

Sarrico, Jannette Rivera, Miguel Salcedo, Iris Feliciano and others believed that if we pool our resources (people power) and work with our City Offices to develop a healthier environment for all who live in the neighborhood, it could be done. We thank City Administrator Glenn Grant and all who helped us attain the successful demolition of those buildings. There is still much more to be done and we are committed to continue working for a better Newark.

Black History Notes

—Researched By James E. DuBoise—

General Toussaint L'Ouverture Architect Of The Fight For Independence Of Haiti 1746-1803

Under French rule in St. Domingue (Haiti) during the French Revolution in 1789, a half million Black slaves became increasingly desirous of freedom. In 1791, an uprising was repulsed by the French, but the revolt never lost its momentum, due largely to the genius of self-educated slave and former soldier, Toussaint L'Ouverture who defeated Napoleon's army in 1801, fresh from victories in Egypt and Europe. Prior to the invasion of St. Domingue Haiti's name before gaining independence from France, the French sent a fake peace offering to Toussaint, hoping to land without a battle. Once establishing a foothold, and gaining the confidence of the people, Napoleon's strategy was to crush them, capture Toussaint and his generals, shoot them and instilling fear and respect from the Blacks, enslave them once more and get them back on the plantations. Fearing the offer was tricky, Toussaint and his generals ignored the offer. The French were then forced to fight their way ashore. General Toussaint, realized the superior strength of the enemy, and having read books on Roman warfare, had definite ideas on what an army should do.

Withdrawing his troops, he waged guerrilla war, becoming a master in hit and run ambushes and when forced to retreat a scorched earth policy. General Toussaint in using such tactics enabled his army to hold out until the rainy season. With the rainy season came the dreaded yellow fever that wiped out whole battalions of French troops. The Black army then swooped down on the decimated French troops, driving them steadily back towards the sea. The French, feeling the pressure, offered to negotiate with Toussaint. In 1802, however, a

huge force sent by Napoleon recaptured the island. Toussaint thinking it was to their advantage to associate with France on an equal standing, accepted the invitation. He was tricked and taken prisoner, shipped to France where he died on April 7, 1803 at age 57. However, his successor Jean Jacques Dessalines, another Black general left in charge of Toussaint's army, continued the struggle and defeated the French forces 6 months later in 1803. A year later, Dessalines proclaimed independence and restored St. Domingue to the original Indian name of Haiti ("land of the mountains"). Dessalines himself was assassinated in 1806.

Legend has it that Toussaint L'Ouverture planned after Haiti was free to go to Dohomey, West Africa to fight the slave trade. For this purpose he saved 6,000,000 gold francs, which he entrusted to Stephen Girard, an American ship captain. After Toussaint's capture, Girard refused to turn over the money to Toussaint's family. As a result of the money, Girard, a Frenchman by birth, became the richest American of his day. He left millions when he died, for the founding of Girard College in Philadelphia, stipulating that it should be for Whites only. He also gave money to buy coal for the poor of Philadelphia with same provision.

Girard College (named by Stephen Girard) is a private boarding school for grades 1-12, established over 150 years ago. The school accepted its first African American students in 1968 as a result of a lawsuit to break the provision in the will.

Footnote: A detachment of Haitian soldiers sent by France, participated in the battle to liberate Monmouth, N.J. during the Revolutionary War.

Student Of The Month

Little Miss Chereea Le'Sha Williams, a beautiful seven year old who is a New Community Resident, was selected to be "Student of the Month." She is in the 2nd grade and enjoys doing her homework at the After School Program. When she is finished she



Chereea Le'Sha Williams

tries to help others with their homework. Chereea says brightly, "It's fun!"

A creative, outgoing, self starter Chereea loves skating, dancing, singing, and eating junk foods with her vegetables. Chereea's favorite color is orange and when she grows up she wants to be a lawyer. Chereea's big wish for the world is "that everybody gets home safely."

New Community's After-School Is Popular Program

The New Community After-School Program is gaining in popularity every week. There are now 25 enrolled participants and an active waiting list is in place. The children have responded to the program, which creatively motivates the young people in the program. Ms. Pat Love and the After-School Program Staff use child care techniques that get positive results.

Ms. Love says that "Education can be fun for young people" if "you can



Combining homework assistance with open recreational time provides students the opportunity to expand their horizons on many levels.

A reward system is an important part of the after-school curriculum because it boosts the esteem of the

children. Trips to the Library to acquire library cards help to enhance their reading skills and trips to the



Monkey bars help the students to build their upper body strength and improve their eye-hand coordination.

museum exposes them to art and other cultures. Morale boosting trips include the local parks, The Discovery Zone and the Electric Circuit. A child is chosen to be featured as "Student of the Month" in *The Clarion*. The children have also started rehearsal for a holiday variety show to be performed for parents and NCC residents.

The program and activities of the New Community After School Program focus on the child and family and are based on the African proverb, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." The entire New Community network supports the After School Program and the children.

New Community Provides Training Sites For Older Workers

In ongoing efforts to network and pool resources with other community based organizations, New Community has developed a very positive relationship with the Senior Aides Program of Essex County, sponsored by Senior Services, Inc. in Orange. Over the past several years, many New Community departments have acted as "host agencies" for the Senior Aides Program and have enjoyed the benefit of having program enrollees provide their services, free of charge.

The Senior Aides Program, operated under Title V of the Older Americans Act, is a federally funded employment and training program for low income older workers, age 55+. The program hires and places older workers into part-time community service jobs at 20 hours per week. Certain governmental and non-profit agencies, such as New Community Corp., are eligible to act as worksites for individual "Senior Aides." Since Senior Aides' wages and fringe benefits are paid through Senior Services, host agencies benefit from having additional staff, providing needed community services, that they normally would not be able to afford to hire. Senior Aides benefit by learning new skills, receiving income, and participating in mainstream community life.

Senior Aides exhibit a wide variety of skills and have become an integral part of NCC. Currently NCC training sites are located at the NCC Department of Social Services, NCC Home Improvement Program, Senior Services, NCC, and participating in mainstream community life.

In addition to providing employment and addressing community needs, one of the primary goals of the Senior Aides Program is to assist the older workers in upgrading their skills and in obtaining unsubsidized, permanent jobs outside of the program. Supervisors at NCC have found that most of the program enrollees possess the positive qualities often associated with older workers—they are reliable, dependable, able to learn new things and have a strong work ethic and sense of loyalty. The program always encourages host agencies to hire enrollees as permanent staff, thereby helping them achieve a higher quality of life. In the past, NCC has fulfilled this objective by hiring aides to work in nutrition programs.

Seniors seeking employment (both age and income guidelines must be met) and individuals who would like to learn more about the program are welcome to call Senior Services at (201) 673-0640, Ext. 14. Senior Services also has a wide array of other services and programs available for seniors and their families. The Senior Aides Program is funded through the National Council of Senior Citizens.

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Thanksgiving

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Hebrews 13:16

Our modern Thanksgiving observance followed two old holidays: Lammas Day (Loaf Mass Day) and Harvest Home Day.

Lammas (Loaf Mass) Day was celebrated if there was an abundant crop of wheat. The farmers brought loaves of bread made from the successful crop to Mass as a token of Thanksgiving.

Harvest Home Day observance marked the end of successful tasks involving the work community, and at the same time expressed to God gratitude for the bounty of nature.

On Thanksgiving Day in New England, Native Americans (Indians) brought food to the needy starving settlers helping them to survive. If Thanksgiving Day is about anything it is about giving thanks to God for the blessing He has bestowed upon us, and about helping others who are in need.

Although some people celebrate Thanksgiving Day by watching sport games, eating special food, and consuming stimulating drinks, many others eat meals provided for by caring church and charitable organizations.

Countless forgotten, lonely, ill and aged people spend the day much like any other day. Still others, impoverished, may not celebrate Thanksgiving Day at all.

This Thanksgiving Day let us count our blessings and thank God for His unfailing love and for giving to us His Son, Jesus Christ, to atone for our sins, on the Cross at Calvary.

Lewis Graves, Emeritus
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

Happy Anniversary NC Roseville

It's been 16 years! And we are blessed to have this bright, clean and beautiful building, and we know it.

In the past years we have watched many of our friends move to another home or pass on to another life; they will always be a part of our lives. Some of our first tenants are still living here. Among those still here since the beginning are Evelyn Massenburg, Illa Barnes, Laura Merrill, Iris Lewis, Beatrice Addison, Mary Merrill/Roberts, John Roberts, Petronia Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Phyllis and Edie Williams, Anna Monk, Robert Benning (Bo) and Steve Perkins—our reporter for The Clarion, who started way back with the "Intercom," NCC's monthly newsletter before The

St. Rose Of Lima Women's Day 1994

The women of St. Rose of Lima Church in Newark have made a commitment to have an annual celebration to unite the women of the parish and to make new friends outside of the community. For years many churches of other denominations have held such affairs and last year St. Rose became the first Catholic Church to undertake the organizing of a formal "Women's Day." Cleasta Wilburn was chairperson.

On Sunday, October 16th, Women's Day began with the seniors special service and brunch. The seniors assisted in the carrying up of gifts and the reading of a special poem prepared by Mrs. Ora Waters a resident of Manor Senior. A wonderful meditation solo was given by Mrs. Burnell Williams, member of St. Rose and delegate to the Archdiocesan Synod.

The seniors service was followed by a delicious brunch prepared by Michael Guy of the Priory Restaurant and served in the Manor senior building.

The afternoon program in church began with a procession of water supported by Kathy Adorno and Oneida Franco and Vera Cook and Anita Holland.

The theme of the program was "Christian Women on the Move" and the afternoon was definitely geared at moving women into action and loving each other more. The program continued with a libation ceremony, a calling up of the ancestors who have died to achieve our greatness.

After a reading from scripture, Dr. Beverly Dunston Scott, a woman of many accomplishments in the academic, spiritual and social arenas was the keynote speaker. Her talk was inspiring, deliberate, energizing and understandable on all levels. Dr. Scott is the wife of Reverend Scott of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark and the devoted mother of two daughters Lindal and Kimberly. She knows how to appeal to all ages. Jacqueline Bido a young member of the St. Rose parish and choir remarked that she was captivated as never before by any speaker and wanted to tell her friends the news she had heard.

Clarion.

Laddie Simmons, one of the first security guards on post here, is now a tenant. Arthur White, now a tenant, was the first superintendent.

Back in 1978 we were all excited as we were fixing up our homes. This was a real pleasure.

Thursday, October 20 the tenants celebrated a 16th anniversary. We all came together, shared food, drink and happy times.

R. Steve Perkins



Cleasta Wilburn (standing) introduces Dr. Beverly Dunston-Scott.

This year the focus for an honoree was shifted to a woman who had reached 50 years as a member of the St. Rose of Lima Parish family. This special woman, Mrs. Winnie Gant-Davis was made "Mother" of the church family at St. Rose.

Flowers filled the church and the choir was directed by Emily Ross-Jukes with a solo by pianist Mrs. Diane Johnson.

Joyce Cook helped coordinate the day.

The celebration continued with a fabulous feast which had been set up in the St. Rose of Lima School hall by Laura Angulo, who always gives unselfishly of her time and talents.

There was the blessing of the food by Deacon Albert Catoe, of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and mistress of ceremony Marion Gore described the program for the afternoon.

Some entertaining moments were presented by the Daughters of Mary, a youth organization in the church. The young ladies danced a Spanish skirt dance. Members of the troupe were Jacqueline Bido, Qadriyyah Hill, Andrea Cook-McKay, Yissel Rivas,

Kathy Adorno, Suriyah and Kiano. For some this was their first time doing a dance from the Spanish culture but you would never know as their skirts swirled in unison.

Every year there is a secret nomination for the Woman of the Year. The woman selected to receive the honors was Annie Colon, someone who always gives of herself and has never been seen to have an angry word for anyone. She is usually one of the first ones on site to help at the monthly Flea Market. She also works with a youth group, The Sons and Daughters of Mary every Saturday and Sunday. This woman is small in stature but extremely big on generosity. Her house can always be found filled with children of all ages who have adopted her as mother. She is a full time employee, mother of two daughters, Jackie and Kathleen and member of St. Rose of Lima Parish family. Congratulations Annie!

Planning will start early for Women's Day 1995. Care to be a part? Contact Cleasta Wilburn or Joyce Cook on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Joyce Cook



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Some of NC Roseville's original tenants gather for a photo to mark the 16th anniversary of its opening.

Healthy Food Fair Is Fun, Educational And Tasty

Over 30 exhibitors and vendors of healthy foods participated in the first Healthy Food Fair at the NCC Pathmark of Bergen Street.

Sponsored by Pathmark Stores, Inc., the American Health Foundation and NCC, the fair celebrated National

Child Health Day by encouraging good nutrition.

Youngsters, including students from St. Rose of Lima School, Babyland Nursery and NCC youth activities, sampled the food, learned about healthy eating, and received educa-

tional materials on nutrition.

Jack Futterman, Chairman and CEO of Pathmark, said, "Pathmark is committed to educate our customers in ways to eat healthy. The activity books and pamphlets that we are providing will communicate good nutritional habits to children and their parents."

Msgr. William J. Linder said the event "emphasizes the importance of Pathmark as our neighborhood supermarket, working to improve the nutrition and health of our community."

Nutrition information was provided

by nutritionists from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Among those who were especially interested in healthy foods were students from St. Rose of Lima School, who have established a partnership with the World Health Organization's Health Promoting Schools Network that links St. Rose and Ridge School in Ridgewood with participating schools in other countries.



Newark Councilwoman At-Large Mildred Crump, at the podium, joins, from the left, Jack Futterman, Chairman and CEO of Pathmark Stores, Inc.; Mitch Bentler, R.D., M.S., Nutritionist, Beth Israel Medical Center; and Otis L. Story, Chief Operating Officer, UMDNJ — all at the opening ceremonies for Child Health Day's Healthy Food Fair at the NCC Pathmark at Bergen Street. Young visitors, for whom the fair was held, listen — and eye the healthy food art display by World of Foods and CET Food Service students.

Man Of Many Talents

The new coordinator of religion at St. Rose of Lima School hails from Beaumont, Texas but arrived here via Atlanta, Georgia where he lived for six years.

Mr. Paige is a graduate of Saint Leo College in St. Leo, Florida, with a B.A. in Sociology and Religious Studies. He has been a teacher for six years.

Among other things, his teaching experience includes a summer camp program, liturgical celebrations and

retreats, as well as normal classroom activities.

While at St. Leo College, Mark was Chair of Cultural Activities and part of the Student Government Association.

He is an accomplished artist in mix medium art and enjoys singing, dancing, reading, swimming, tennis and bowling.

Welcome!



Mr. Paige's personable demeanor appeals to the upperclassmen.

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Saturday, Nov. 5 - Saturday, Dec. 3
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Place: St. Rose of Lima School Grounds
(Parish Hall Depending on Weather)

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The St. Rose of Lima 3rd graders enjoyed freshly sauteed mussels...



...and washed them down with delicious low-fat chocolate milk!

New 8th Grade Teacher

The new eighth grade teacher at St. Rose of Lima is Mark P. Oropollo. Mr. Oropollo grew up in Maryland, and later moved to Rome, Italy where he attended high school. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at Rutgers-Newark in 1980, and recently earned his Masters Degree in Computer Science at Fairleigh Dickinson. Mr. Oropollo is currently attending Seton Hall University for his

Masters Degree in Education.

"Although things seemed a bit overwhelming a month ago when I first started at St. Rose," says Mark, "I feel quite settled in now and I feel that I have developed a very good rapport with my students." In fact, Mr. Oropollo says that he is quite happy at St. Rose and has found the administration, faculty and the students to be quite supportive.



Mr. Oropollo gets acquainted with members of his eighth grade class.